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**Re: Notification of Ex Parte Communication
MB Docket No. 02-277**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise you, in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, that, on May 6, 2003, Robert M. Stevens, President of Broadcast Communications, Inc., communicated by telephone with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, to discuss the Commission's consideration of issues relevant to its rulemaking on media ownership. Mr. Stevens shared his position that the Commission's local radio ownership rules have resulted in a harmful concentration of control and that the Commission should not relax its local ownership rules further. Mr. Stevens pointed out that today the overwhelming majority of radio listening occurs on FM stations and that in most radio metro markets there are only between twelve to sixteen local FM stations providing city grade signals over the entire market. While there may be many other stations that are presently being counted in any given market, generally, they do not provide a city grade signal over a majority of the market. Also, the Commission counts daytime AM stations in its market studies, when such stations are generally not truly competitive since they are, by nature, low power and do not broadcast throughout the entire day. Consequently, ownership of more than five FM stations in any market would clearly constitute a harmful concentration of control that would not be consistent with service in the public interest.

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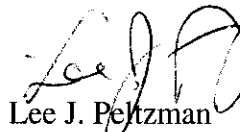
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As required by Section 1.1206(b) of the FCC's rules, two copies of this letter are being submitted in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee J. Peltzman", written over a circular stamp or seal.

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BROADCAST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Copps (w/encl.) – *via hand delivery*
Jordan Goldstein, Esq. (w/encl.) – *via hand delivery*